000 maternal uncle and his nephew, and the importance of matrilineal kin.

863 862 The child is breast-fed by its mother until four or five years old. In case the mother gives birth to another child during this period, breast feeding will immediately stop and the child will be given corn cake and sweet potatoes like an adult.

854 567 867 It is one of the duties of young girl slaves to take care of the child. The Lolo make no distinction in their treatment of male or female infants, but the class line between black and white is clear cut. The adults usually call a certain child "black bone," that is, black Lolo, to distinguish it from "white bone" or white Lolo. The "black bone" belongs to the noble class while the "white bone" to the slave class. Therefore, as the child grows up, it gradually perceives the difference between black and white, or noble and mean.

● 857 The early years are the happiest period in a Lolo's life. Every day after the meal the child is free to come and go as he pleases, and to play in a group with neighboring children. Sometimes they go to the mountains to cool themselves; other times they play in the corn fields. By this time, the black Lolo

857 567 868 child has already begun to assume leadership over the white Lolo children of his age group, who would usually take orders from him. In poor white Lolo families, the children go to work with the adults and learn to tend cattle or to farm by the time they are seven or eight.

857 868 In the period between childhood and youth, boys and girls begin to be separated by the boundaries of sex in work and play. Black Lolo boys start to learn to shoot, to use a gun, and to pursue each other on horseback. Whenever clan feuds are fought, they all become excited and want to show off their skill. They form a small band of their own to attack the enemies and rob enemy property. Once their reputation for bravery becomes widespread, they will have hopes of becoming leaders in the future. On the other hand, girls' activities are centered around the house. They learn to sew and knit, to embroider, to assign work to household slaves, and in general to manage family property and affairs for their parents. As "female house managers" they have a high position in the family.

836 605 Young men and women are free to love and to have sexual relations provided they do not violate Lolo traditions, such as the interdiction on marriage within the patrilineal clan or intermarriage between black and white Lolo. Corn fields or thick grass on the mountain are suitable places for love-making, especially between cross cousins [48] because of their close kinship and the encouragement given by the family to cross-cousin

5: Pollard M-5 (no date) 1921 AE4 Lolo AE4

CHAPTER XXIII

HILL WARFARE AND STATE ROBES

DURING the night, snow fell freely on all the hills, and the ground was covered even in the low-lying district where Ah-ku's house is. Very early two of the maids were busy at a stone mill, husking some rice for breakfast. The stone mill in the home is almost universal in all the country places, and husking rice and buckwheat, grinding maize and beans, is one of the chief duties of the women and girls. Some of the mills are very heavy, and need a lot of strength to work them. Occasionally they are turned by persons walking around them and pushing with their chests against sticks tied to the sides of the upper stone. Here and there, in a large village, there is a mill worked by a horse, which is blindfolded. He continues his monotonous round and round all the day long. Were the animal not blindfolded he would soon be too giddy to keep on with his work. I saw some children one day imitating one of these mill horses by catching hold of a pillar and going round and round until they were too giddy to keep on any longer standing up. They then changed hands and went round in the reverse direction, unwinding themselves, as they said. Presently, when they had finished, they stood upright without a trace of giddiness.

Wandering about Ah-ku's house was a tame male pheasant belonging to one of the boys, and in a cage was a dove. One of the commonest of the cage birds in West China is the